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President:	Mr. Wang Yingfan	(China)
Members:	Bulgaria	Mr. Tafrov
	Cameroon	Mr. Tidjani
	Colombia	Mr. Valdivieso
	France	Mrs. d'Achon
	Guinea	Mr. Boubacar Diallo
	Ireland	Mr. Corr
	Mauritius	Mrs. Napaul
	Mexico	Mrs. Arce de Jeannet
	Norway	Mr. Kolby
	Russian Federation	Mr. Lavrov
	Singapore	Mr. Mahbubani
	Syrian Arab Republic	Mr. Mekdad
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Harrison
	United States of America	Mr. Cunningham

Agenda

The situation in Afghanistan

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The meeting was called to order at 11.45 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Afghanistan

The President (*spoke in Chinese*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Afghanistan in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In accordance with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Farhádi (Afghanistan), took a seat at the Council table.

The President (*spoke in Chinese*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2002/1278, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the Council's prior consultations.

I should also like to draw attention to the following documents: S/2002/1196, which contains a letter dated 21 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, and S/2002/1296, which contains a letter dated 25 November 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council transmitting a joint letter from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Germany and the Netherlands.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. If I hear no objection, I shall now put the draft resolution to the vote.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Bulgaria, Cameroon, China, Colombia, France, Guinea, Ireland, Mauritius, Mexico, Norway, Russian Federation, Singapore, Syrian Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President (*spoke in Chinese*): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1444 (2002).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 11.50 a.m.